THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a Committee has been constituted with Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) in the lead role to prepare a concept paper and to decide parameters for setting up of training institute for marine police personnel. No location has been identified yet.

(c) to (e) Government to Kerala has been informed that the proposal of Marine Police Training Institute is stilll at a conceptual stage and hence the proposal of the State Government to establish Training Institute of marine personnel at Kannur district will be considered at appropriate stage.

Delay in tsunami reconstruction work

1712. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tsunami reconstruction work has been abnormally delayed owing to lack of Centre's timely support, especially for Andaman and Nicobar Island and the Southern States which were ravaged by this natural calamity last;

(b) whether the delay in sanction of projects, award of tenders and completion of work, has not only an adverse impact on road infrastructure, but also affected tourism in the above Islands; and

(c) if so, the action plan of Government to speed up restoration work to remove the economy of the tsunami-ravaged regions in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Seat for Limbu and Tamang (Tribal Groups) in Sikkim Legislative Assembly

1713.SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that despite various requests received from the State Government of Sikkim, there has not been made so far any allotment of seat for Limbu and Tamang (Tribal groups) in Sikkim Legislative Assembly;

(b) if so, the specific reasons for the delay and the reaction of Government's thereto;

(c) the time schedule for allotment of seat in Sikkim Legislative Assembly for those two tribal groups; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The population of Limbu and Tamang has not been enumerated in the State at 2001 Census as these two were not listed in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Sikkim applicable at the time of the Census. The Limbu and Tamang were notified as Scheduled Tribes in